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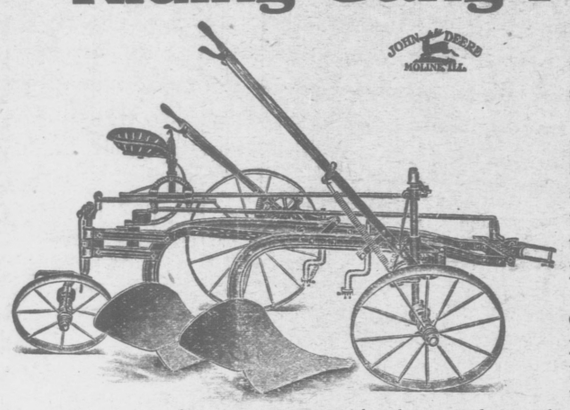

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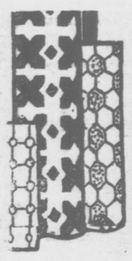

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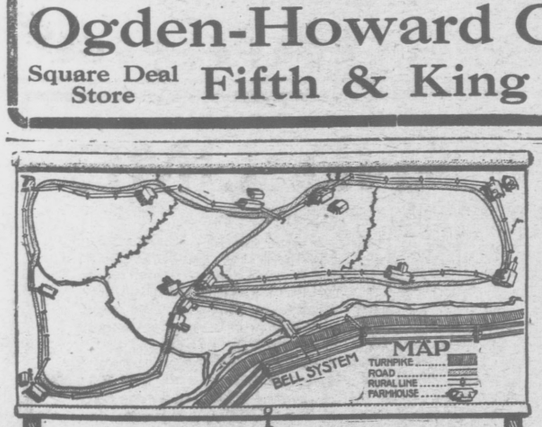

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1911 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
EVERY SATURDAY,
During MARCH, 1912,
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Every farmer needs a silo.

Are the cattle well housed and fed?

Keep the sheep healthy and vigorous.

Feed for egg production should be rich in protein.

You cannot get heavy egg laying without heavy feeding.

To improve the dairy herd, keep the best, and sell the rest.

Clover should be young to make pigs thrive at the top notch.

Judge not a hen by her beauty, but by the way she does her duty.

Trap nests eliminate drones with accuracy from any flock of hens.

Food plays an important part in the growth and development of the colt.

Many young boars are ruined by being allowed to run in lots near the sows.

If you intend sowing clover or alfalfa this spring get your seed right away.

Clover is the greatest pasture for hogs—provided it is not allowed to mature.

The successful feeding of poultry is among the most difficult of feeding problems.

Most farmers have learned before this, that it is expensive to haul green corn fodder.

Rape seed is cheap it germinates strongly and furnishes plenty of palatable forage.

If a hog seems to be ailing, separate it from the herd at once and give watchful care.

One advantage in feeding steers on the farm is the maintenance of the soil fertility.

Deal gently with the cow of nervous temperament. She usually is one of the best in your herd.

If you get an incubator, assign the running of it to one person, and let him sole charge.

A chill on by the udder coming in contact with frosty ground is apt to ruin your best cow.

Clean, dry bedding spread about thickly will make cold, hard floors more endurable these cold nights.

Sunflowers are just the thing to raise next season for the fowls but don't grow them for the sparrows.

The good dairy cow usually is wide in the forehead, the face dished between the eyes with a strong under jaw.

Never salt the horse's feed in the box. Place a big lump where he can reach it, and he will take it when he needs it.

The three essentials for a successful dairy cow are vigor, capacity for food and well developed organs for milk production.

Goslings will thrive if fed on grass alone, but will not make such rapid growth, of course, as when they are given a little grain.

The cow has a good breathing apparatus, indicated by a large nostril, wide breast and good width across the floor of the chest.

Never jump from the wagon when the horse is running away. More lives and limbs are lost in that way than by remaining in the wagon.

Until we raise all the hay we need for our stock, and have all the stock and all the manure we need, it will pay us to save the whole of the corn crop.

Feeding cattle gives not only a profit on the feed produced on the farm, but it supplies the farm with manure which is greatly desired in progressive farming.

Calves should not be turned out to pasture unless they have had a little green feed before, as it is liable to cause scours. Give all the fresh, clean water the calf will drink.

Horses are even grazers.

Green corn makes excellent silage.

Young cabbage plants need protection.

All pure-bred sires are not possessed of equal merit.

Nothing looks nicer than a display of nice, fresh eggs.

Constipation is the cause of many troubles with hogs.

Ashes and salt should be given to the hogs twice a week.

Cowpeas and barley are not common crops to grow together.

Some grains are the favorite food of chickens, while others are not.

Undesirable milk in many cases can be traced to unclean milk utensils.

Sheep should be kept on the average farm to aid in keeping down weed life.

Proper feeding and exercise will produce style along with the colt's growth.

Work stock will require more protein than can be obtained from grain and hay.

Sweet potatoes fed to poultry are fattening and gives a yellow tinge to the flesh.

The importance of the hay crop has never come to be fully appreciated in this country.

Scientists say it takes at least four pounds of feed to make one pound of gain in fowls.

Keeping a dairy on any farm should mean that the fertility of that farm is being increased.

Hay that is free from weeds is always much more valuable than hay that is weedy.

Many breeders overlook the importance of supplying variety in the feed for the brood sow.

A good horse is a valuable animal and deserves and should have the best of care and good feed.

Young calves are necessarily rather filthy in their habits and never do well in damp, dirty pens.

Incubators and brooders may be used for hatching geese although not much employed for that purpose.

Great care should be taken in selecting laying hens, since they exert so great an influence on the progeny.

Onion seed should be tested for germination before being purchased because it soon loses its vitality with age.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF THE PENINSULA

Residents of Dagsboro are subscribing for stock in a new bank and trust company.

Shad at Seaford are selling at from 40 to 80 cents—the latter price being for roes.

Failing in his haste to respond to a call Dr. E. B. Brown, Wyoming, broke his left arm.

While riding a velocipede on the sidewalk in Lewes, Walter J. Reynolds fell and broke his arm in two places.

Christopher Strobel, of Wilmington, yesterday celebrated his eightieth birthday by entertaining many friends at his home.

Beulah Creswell has resigned as principal of New Bridge School.

John Law, a Hartford county invalid, was found dead seated in a chair.

Timely discovery of a fire saved Adam King's house in Rising Sun.

Thrown from a mule, Lee C. Price, of Centreville, sustained a broken hand.

Wild geese are unusally plentiful in one lower Cecil, and gunners are making big "bags".

Charles F. Rich, of Centreville, has been elected grand prelate Pythian, of Maryland.

While working in the plant of the Joseph Bancroft & Sons Company, in Wilmington, Thomas Cole, aged 45, dropped dead from heart disease.

Dr. H. G. M. Kollock, of Newark, was thrown from his carriage along a dark road at Chestnut Hill when his horse fell in a washout, and was stightly injured.

United States Marshall Flinn, of Wilmington, has been notified that the Government will pay $100 reward for the capture of James Kelley, a convicted postoffice robber, who escaped while being taken to the Atlanta prison.

Young Methodist Protestants in George town cleared $40 by a buffet luncheon, for their conference collections.

Mrs. William M. Jones, of Georgetown, secretary of the State W. C. T. U. Executive Committee has sent a letter of thanks to all Delaware newspapers which bar whisky advertisements.

Miss Mabel Walker was sponsor for the fishing steamer W. T. James, launched at the shipyards of the American Car and Foundry Company in Wilmington for the Taft Fisheries Company of Virginia.

Grove School has been closed by scarlet fever.

A tree falling upon him, William Turner, of Pleasantville, sustained serious injuries.

Cambridge Methodists occupied their new Sunday School room for the first time yesterday.

Fred Hirons, of Chestertown, has been appointed railway mail clerk between Chestertown and Townsend.

Rescued from Cole's ice pond when attempting suicide, Mrs. Mary Cole has been committed to an asylum.

Elkton Improvement Company has elected Oliver C. Giles, president and Mrs George R. Ash, secretary and treasurer.

The Merchants' Telephone Company has just awarded a contract for a two story exchange building of concrete in Denton.

While chopping wood, Judge William Mumalkhuysen, of the Second Congressional district, so badly injured a thumb that amputation became necessary.

Delmar's standpipe has been completed.

Falling down a stairway, Mrs. Carrie M. Ellis, Delmar, broke a leg.

Struck by an auto crank, William Stiltz of Newark, has a gashed forehead.

Enoch K Knotts appointed postmaster of Leslie has declined.

The Railroad Hotel property, Port Deposit has been bought by Mrs. Mary E. Lamn, for $1700.

Cecil County Commissioners have appointed William G Jones, of Cecilton. First district constable.

Struck in the face by a saw Robert Phillips a Port Deposit pattern-maker, sustained injury.

William J. McDougle, a Rising Sun blacksmith, has been granted a patent on a reer wheel wagon brake.

The Elkton store and residence of the late Marks Lieberman has been bought by Mrs. Frank Vandegrift for $2400.

The directors of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal have elected James S. Hopper, general superintendent; Harry Sherman, collector and Dr. Delmar Smith, assistant.

Crushed while working in the plant of the American Vulcanized Fibre Company at Newark, Raymond Davis had to have the index finger on his right hand amputated.

Willard Demas' home in Wilmington, was damaged by fire started by children playing about the furnace.

The New Castle Shad Fishermen's Protective Association has selected William H. Madden wharf manager.

Elmer Dolt, a young white man, is in the custody of the Wilmington police for stealing.

Delmar Electric Light Company has contracted to increase the amount of street lighting.

A building boom at Woodland, a Delmar suburb, has been with the erection of five houses.

Taken to a hospital in Wilmington after he had fallen and gashed his head, William Pettyjohn refused to allow the physicians to touch him and had to be dismissed.

Her dress ripped by chewing gum placed on the edge of a seat of a Wilmington Southern Traction car while being operated on the Wilmington & Philadelphia line, the two companies are disputing as to which shall pay Mrs. L. Racine, Rose Hill, the damages.

Playing with a revolver not supposed to be loaded, William Smith, a farmer, near Tom's Dam, accidentally shot himself in the stomach.

A stove exploded in the kitchen of Alfred C. Baer, at New Castle, just after Mrs. Baer had stepped out, hurling its fragments through the windows.

Refused a license in Wilmington on the ground they were too young, John J. Lamb and Estelle A. Amstett, of Bethlehem, Pa., went to New Castle, secured a license and were married by Rev. John Riggs.

While playing with a revolver, Edward Cox, aged 20, of Edge Moore, accidentally shot himself in the right foot and was removed to a Wilmington hospital.

Milton Council has elected David Dickerson town bailiff and street supervisor.

In a fight between whites and negroes in Greenwood one negro was badly cut.

The Ladies' Aid, of Reynolds Church, has elected Mrs. James H. Wilson president.

Residents of the ninth ward, Wilmington, are petitioning for a new school in that section.

Thrown from his carriage by a runaway horse, Dr. Gorden, of Willow Grove, has a broken shoulder.

Wilmington police are investigating the case of six small boys who stole a jug of whiskey and became intoxicated.

Large catches of shad are being made in the Mispillion and Broadkill Rivers, the fish selling in Georgetown at 75 cents.

William H. Householder, William A. Jester and T. T. Vail have announced their candidacy for Mayor of Delaware City.

Dr. Emanuel J. Brown, a Wyoming physican was held in $2000 bail at Dover for April Court on a charge of malpractice.

Falling on a revolving saw, J. Donovan of Staytonville, was badly cut across the back and head, but is expected to recover.

Bitten by a supposed mad dog while playing in the yard in front of her home in Wilmington, Laura E. Allston, aged 4, is now being given the Pasteur treatment.

Directors of the Cherry Island Marsh Company yesterday took their annual walk along the marsh banks lining the Wilmington river front, a custom that has been in vogue since 1760.

General Conference Delegates

At the annual session of the Wilmington M. E. Conference held in Wilmington the following ministerial delegates were elected to the General Conference to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., in May. Rev. Chas. A. Hill, Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Rev. Robert Watt, and Rev. G. P. Jones. Reserves: Rev. E. L. Hoffecker, Rev. C. B. Prettyman and Rev. George W. Alderson.

The lay conference which was in session at the same time elected Joseph H. Coley from the Wilmington District, Charles H. Jefferson from Eastern District, William Saulsbury from Dover District and John G. Townsend from Salisbury District. The reserves are Mrs. William M. Field, Col. A. G. Siske and Col. William T. Records.

Fire Destroyed Steamboat

DOVER, DEL., March 26.—The steamboat wharf and warehouse, including the waiting-room of the Dover and Philadelphia Navigation Company, at Lebanon, was destroyed early last evening.

Sparks from the stack of the steamboat City of Dover, which was firing up at the wharf, set fire to the inflamable warehouses and destruction soon followed.

The steamboat cut loose and got out of danger when the fire started. The piling and substructure is saved, and it is believed that, as the property was well insured, the company will rebuild at once without sustaining a heavy loss.

IF YOU'RE SOON TO MARRY

The girl who expects soon to be married will, after her trousseau is completed, turn her attention to preparing the household linens.

For each bed that will be in use she should prepare six sheets, three bolster cases and six pillow cases. She should have:

One pair of heavy blankets for winter use and a lighter pair for moderate weather.

One wool or eiderdown comfortable.

Two light-weight spreads for every-day use, and one of heavier weight.

One tablecloth three and a half yards long for special occasions.

Four tablecloths two and a half yards long for every-day use, or, if it is thought best two of these may be two yards long for a small table.

Half a dozen lunch cloths that may, if desired be used for her own solitary lunch eons.

One dozen napkins to match the long cloth; two dozen of a smaller size for everyday use and a dozen doileys for evening use.

One dozen each plate and tumbler doileys for breakfast or luncheon.

One silence cloth, three yards long, and one, one yard and three-quarters long.

Tray covers, doileys for boufet and serving table.

Centrepieces for everyday use and for best.

One laundry bag in which soiled table linen may be kept.

One dozen dish cloths, one dozen dust cloths, keeping half a dozen of each of these in reserve.

Two covers for the ironing board, keeping one of them in reserve.

Half a dozen ironing holders made at home from clean pieces of soft cloth and covered with fresh ticking.

Two small tablecloths for kitchen use if a maid is to be kept.

Floor cloths, scrub cloths, window cloths, chamois and a plentiful supply of clean old sheets and muslins for which a new housekeeper will find constant use before her own supply begins to grow old.

FOR GAME PROTECTION

Reports soon to be published of the hearings held March 6 on the Weeks and McLean bills for federal protection of migratory game birds shows that forty-three states came out in support of this legislation.

The American Game Protective and Propagation Association, which secured the hearings, announces that thirty-six states were put on record through their game commissions as favoring federal protection—this includes all but three of the states which have game commissions. Seven other states endorsed the movement through their state associations or semi-official representatives. This leaves only five states unheard from.

The Weeks bill is before the House Committee on Agriculture and the McLean bill is before the Senate Committee on Forest Reservations and the Protection of Game. Advices received by the Association from Washington indicate that they will both be favorably reported

There was strong evidence presented at the hearings that the whole country is aroused against present conditions, and that it is awakening to the need for federal protection of migrants which seldom remain long within the confines of one state.

Oppose Amendment

Dover, Del., March 25.—Representatives Marvel, Republican and Bell, Democrat, today declared against granting further concessions or amendments to the duPont Boulevard bill, Marvel, who voted against it and then changed his vote for "Republican unanimity," declared that no sane man could vote to give more concessions to a man who was taking two hundred feet (and could take more) anywhere he wanted it for an improved road eighteen feet wide. Bell said he voted "no" at first and his constituents were willing to have him continue in that. He said:

"Certainly all who voted for the bill at first would vote for the amendments, for they could not make it worse."

Reception To Pastor

DELAWARE CITY, March 25.—A reception was given Friday evening by the members of the Methodist Episcopal church at the parsonage in honor of the Rev. C. N. Jones who has been returned to Delaware City for another year. Among those present were: Mrs. Hemphill, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Eisenberger, Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. Nan Hemphill, Miss Mildred Davidson, Messrs. R. A. Peacock, Davidson, Keck, Brown, Templeton, Jones.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

If the common wayside goldenrod is transplanted into rich soil and given thorough cultivation, it will develop into a magnificent plant five or six feet high, bearing great feathery plumes of bloom to beautify the garden.

Instead of prying fruit jars open with a knife just hold the top in warm water for a minute. You will be surprised to see how easily the lid will come off. This also avoids all danger of cutting your hands as so often happens.

Use equal parts of alcohol and kerosene for removing oil paint from the hands. Shake well before using. Rub the liquid well in the skin which has been daubed by the paint. Then wash the hands with a good soap. Dry the hands thoroughly.

If the alarm-clock rings too loudly for the peace of the household, slip an elastic band around the bell to diminish the noise, the wider the band, the stronger the suppression, and a few experiments will demonstrate just what width is most desirable.

A large, clean marble boiled in milk, porridge, custards, sauces or stews will automatically do the stirring whilst the liquid cooks. Any chance of burning is prevented, therefore the weariness of constant stirring is avoided and time is saved.

Dissolve one handful of salt in a pint of vinegar and wash the stove with this solution. Wipe dry with a flannel cloth and put a few drops of turpentine in the blacking with which you finish it off. This will put the rustiest stove in good condition.

To make ham tender, parboil and put to cook in a fireless cooker. Before serving fry quickly until a golden brown. It will be tender, moist and altogether nice.

If a little vinegar is added to boiling fish it will keep it from falling to pieces. This will serve for cooking eggs in water, too.

A nice idea to follow, if boards are plenty, is to keep one especially for use in chopping or shredding onions. Burn a round letter O in the back and it will never be used for any other material

An unusual combination for salad, but a good one, is sour pickles, peanuts and peas served with any desired salad dressing on lettuce, using a little onion juice in the dressing.

Another salad combination which is very delicious and most attractive in appearance is pears, almonds and candied cherries for garnish, using the French dressing.

Add a few almonds to a potato salad to add to its foot value and make it more palatable.

A most delicious tapioca pudding is made with canned pears for an accompaniment.

When putting on the top crust, just after rolling out, spread it with lard and sprinkle with flour and pat it in, then sprinkle with cold water just before putting into the oven. It will puff up and be very much lighter than usual.

In rheumatism the great remedy is elimination, getting rid of the poisons which go back into system and should be thrown off.

Put five or six sheets of paper in the bottom of a fruit cake pan before baking the cake, and it will be much better, as the long baking tends to make a hard crust, which is not allowed to form with the paper as a protection.

When baking small fillets of meat or biscuits, a griddle cake turner is an indispensable utensil in putting things into the bags for cooking.

Green bananas unpeeled, adding a little water to the bag, will bake nicely in twenty to twenty-five minutes and are a delicious accompaniment to the steaks with a little lemon and melted butter poured over them.

Apple dumplings baked in the paper bag are elevated from a common dish to a creation. Served with a sauce made of a cup of powdered sugar, half cup of softened butter, a teaspoon of vanilla and half cup of whipped cream if it is handy, will be ambrosia fit for a goddess.

Halibut seasoned with tomato, lemon juice and butter will cook out fifteen minutes in a hot oven swimming in its own juices and most delicious to the taste.

Caramels—Cook together a cup of molasses and a half cup of sweet cream until it rattles in the cup of cold water when tried, then add a tablespoonful of butter and a cup of grated cocoanut. Pour out and cool.

China on which is gilt decoration should not be washed in strong soap suds or water containing washing powder.

In washing ordinary china the hotter the water the more easily the pieces will dry and the brighter they will be.

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THE TRANSCRIPT has heretofore served notice on the Machine and its Court House satellites—a number of whom seem to imagine themselves luminaries foreordained to shine forever, in the office holding heavens—that "there are others."

We wish again to inform this little bunch of politicians who are arrogating to themselves the sole right to speak for the whole party, to set up or pull down candidates, that Rural New Castle is not relishing the manuer of their selfish rule and intends no longer to put up with it.

1 Rural New Castle is very weary of this everlasting perpetuation in the offices of the chosen few in Wilmington. These petty, would be bosses will discover, if they do not mend their ways, that their supposed fee title to the offices has some bad flaws in it.

Rural New Castle means to have something to say in the next appointments that will settle the question—either at the primaries, or at the polls, as the machine and its office holding supporters shall elect.

2. No doubt you gentlemen of the Machine are very smart, and have a sinch on all the political wisdom that is loose in the state, and mean to settle all questions as to candidates, State, County and National ones as well. So you in common with the Tory bosses in other states, have the presumption to think you can label Taft chalk Republican cheese and have it greedily devoured by the voters. The people are not the fools you and your Mr. Taft think, as you will later find out.

It is startling to witness the almost universal exhibition of the people's resentment against Mr. Taft for his betrayal of the Republican party into the hands of the Trusts!

All over the country carefully taken "straw votes," show amazing majorities ranging from five up to 50 to one against his renomination!

No wonder, that smarting under their sharp verdict, he angrily seeks to belittle the importance of primary nominations by the sneer, "soap box" primaries

These ominous tokens of an angry electorate ought to be enough to deter the most presumptuous politician from the madness of his renomination.

But if in the teeth of it all, thanks to the servility of placemen and a ruthless steam roller manipulation of the false, boss controlled primaries, and the 260 odd "solid South" that represent nothing but spoils—Taft be nominated, he will be so heartily repudiated at the polls by the people he has despised and betrayed, that his defeat will set a new Waterloo mark for disaster!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The St. Georges Hundred Sunday School Association, will meet in Forest Presbyterian Church, on April 4th, when the following interesting program will be presented:

MORNING SESSION

10.00—Devotional service, led by Dr. F. H. Moore.

10.20—We welcome you, Mr. J. F. Deakyne, Hundred President.

Why we are here, Mr. D. B. Maloney, New Castle Co., president.

10.30—Pages of history, told by our superintendents.

11.00—"Leaks in the Sunday School and how to stop them," Miss Maggie S. Wilson.

11.15—Why the Graded Lessons? Mrs. William McMullin.

11.30—Workers Conference, led by E. Ross Farrs, New Castle Co., Secretary.

11.45—Appointment of Committees, announcements, offering, adjournment.

12.00—Basket lunch and social hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1.15—Meeting of Committees.

1.30—Prayer and praise service, led by Mr. McLaurey.

1.45—The Sunday School and Missions Mrs. Clarence Robb.

2.00—How to improve our schools, Miss Edna B. Barker.

2.15—Teacher-Training Conference, led by Dr. Vaughan S. Collins.

2.30—Why, the Home Department? Miss Maggie S. Wilson.

2.45—Winning and holding the young men in the Sunday School, Dr. F. H. Moore.

3.00—Vocal solo, Miss Bessie Gunkle.

3.10—Report of Committees and Election of Officers.

3.15—The Greatest Need of the Sunday School to-day, discussion.

3.30—Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

7.30—Song and Praise service, special music by the choir and Presbyterian Sunday School, assisted by Miss Bessie Gunkle. Address, Rev. William D. Parry, of Smyrna, subject: "Present Efficiency and Future Achievements", benediction.

CECILTON

Mr. J. H. Black spent last Friday in Philadelphia.

Miss M. E. Rickards spent Thursday and Friday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Helen Hall is spending some time with relatives in Millington.

Miss Frances Griffith visited friends in Wilmington one day last week.

Miss Bessie Culberston visited Miss Amy Culberston last Thursday.

Mrs. W. H. Alderson visited Mrs. John Van Busk in Baltimore recently.

Miss Lelia Burk was the guest of Misses Grace and Reba Burris on Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Jones, of Middletown, spent a few days at his home in town.

Miss Margaret Oldham, of Washington, is visiting her sister Mrs. G. M. Davis.

Mr. Durney Oldham, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his mother Mrs. G. Oldham.

Miss Katherine Wilson was the guest of her aunt Mrs. E. N. Crawford, on Thursday.

Mrs. Elwood Padley and son, of near Warwick, visited relatives and friends on Thursday.

Mrs. Collins and Miss Ethel Maloney, of Townsend, visited Mrs. Albert Watte on Wednesday.

Mrs. William Lipscomb and children spent Tuesday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberson.

BLACKBIRD

Miss Sarah Parvis spent last Saturday in Middletown.

Miss Ethel Marker spent Saturday and Sunday with her uncle Mr. Fred Marker near Smyrna.

Mrs. Barbara Beith spent three days of last week with her son Mrs. James Beith and wife in Wilmington.

Mrs. Sarah E. Hobson, of near Townsend, spent a few days of last week with her daughter Mrs. Harry M. Deakyne.

Miss Clara E. Fenemore, of St. Georges, spent a few days of last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Fenemore.

Miss Ethel Fenemore returned home on Thursday from an extended visit with her sister Miss Clara E. Fenemore in St. Georges.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and daughter Frances, of Delaware City, are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marker, of near Green Spring, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Marker in Smyrna.

Epworth League services Sunday evening Junior Night [Missionary] "The World Wide Invitation. Epworth League Work in Foreign Fields".

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Miss Kay Price is visiting in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. David M. Peterson, Jr., of Philadelphia, spent several days this week at the home of Mr. Clayton L. Ellison.

Mr. Thomas B. Hopper, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hopper.

Mr. Harold Steele has been appointed assistant collector at the canal office in place of Dr. Delmar Smithers, resigned.

The Senior Class of Chesapeake High School will give a dance in Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, April 8th.

Mrs. Charles S. Ellison, Jr., and daughter, Frances, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Oakley Barwick.

Miss Reba Salmon is visiting Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. Dorsey W. Dunlap, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister Mrs. Emma Willis.

Mrs. Joshua Craig, of Baltimore, is spending some time with her sister Mrs. Sarah Karsner.

Mrs. Fred Williams, of near Odessa, visited Mrs. Laura L. Williams of near town on Wednesday.

WARWICK

Mrs. L. P. King, Sr. is on the sick list.

Miss Agnes Merritt spent Tuesday with Mrs. G. J. Hill.

Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Hill were Sassafras visitors last week.

Mrs. Mary A. Lofland is confined to her home with La Grippe.

Mr. Daniel Wilson, of Wilmington, was a Sunday visitor in town.

Mr. Jesse Vinyard, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents in town.

Miss Ethel Vinyard, of Hockessin, spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. V. S. Vinyard.

Mr. W. J. B. Lofland was a Sunday visitor at the home of his mother Mrs. M A. Lofland.

Preaching Sunday evening at 7.30. Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock Rev. G. J. Hill, pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Anna Brown, of Rising Sun, spent Tuesday night with R. B. Merritt enroute for their new home at Leipsic.

Mr. W. Rodney Price returned to "Tome" on Tuesday, after spending his spring vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Price.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. George Daniels visited relatives in Wilmington over Sunday.

Miss Fegley, of Philadelphia, is spending this week with Miss Lulu Ratledge.

Mrs. John Morris and children, of near Smyrna, visited her mother Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Charles Wells has returned home after spending a few days with relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Clarence Pritchard, of Philadelphia, spent Tuesday with Joseph Pritchard and family.

Miss Lilian Hart, of Dover Academy, is spending this week with her parents W. E. Hart and wife.

Mr. Howard VanDyke, of Atlantic City, was the guest of his parents here from Friday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Jones had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Jones and Miss Mary Gears, of Dover.

Miss Lilian West, of West Chester, who has been spending the past two weeks with her parents here returned on Thursday.

A drama entitled "Dot the Miner's Daughter" "or One glass of wine" will be given at Cecilton on Wednesday evening April 3, under the Auspices of Townsend M. E. Sunday School, benefit for the piano fund. Admission, Adults 25cts Children 15cts. All are invited to be present You will not regret spending your money.

TELEPHONE IMPROVEMENTS

Officials of the Diamond State Telephone Company announce an appropriation of $4,400 for additional aerial cable at Middletown. Ninety-seven hundred and fifty feet of aerial cable will be erected so as to make possible the removal of 33 1-3 miles of open wire. The cable type of construction is now being used by the telephone company, wherever possible as it is practically storm proof, and a single cable, as thick as a man's wrist, will carry as many wires as half a dozen pole lines of 10 cross arms each. The sum of $1,300 has just been appropriated by the Diamond State Telephone Company for replacing the present submarine cable between Port Penn and Reedy Island. The new cable will be one of 2,800 feet in length and it will contain 10 9-gauge wires This new cable will will much improve transmission and is of greater capacity than the one it replaces. It will also further safeguard the growing demand for service between these points. The company is making improvements all over the territory and the service is benefiting greatly thereby.

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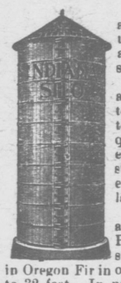

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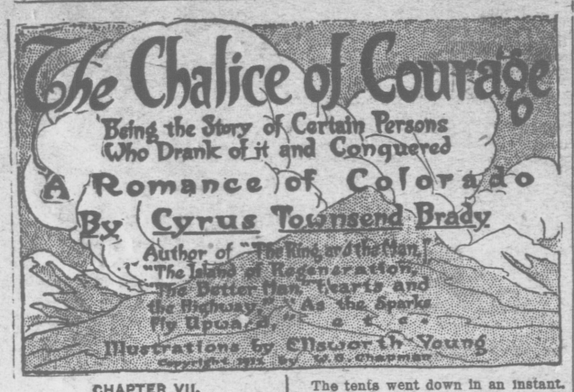
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A Romance of Colorado
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CHAPTER VII.

A Wild Dash for the Hills.

Old Kirkby, who had been lazily mending a saddle the greater part of the morning, had eaten his dinner, smoked his pipe and was now stretched out on the grass in the warm sun taking a nap. Mrs. Maitland was drowsing over a book in the shadow of one of the big pines, when Pete, the horse wrangler, who had been wandering rather far down the canon rounding up the ever straying stock, suddenly came bursting into the camp.

"Great God Almighty!" he cried, actually kicking the prostrate frontiersman as he almost stumbled over him. "Wake up, old man, an'——"

"What the—" began Kirkby fiercely, thus rudely aroused from slumber and resentful of the daring and most unusual affront to his dignity and station since all men, and especially the younger ones, held him in great honor.

"Look here," yelled Peter in growing excitement and entirely oblivious to his lese-majestie, pointing at a black cloud rolling over the top of the range. "It'll be a cloudburst sure. We'll have to git out o' here an' in a hurry too. Oh, Mrs. Maitland."

By this time Kirkby was on his feet, the storm had stolen upon him sleeping and unaware. The configuration of the canon had completely hid its approach. At best the three in the camp could not have discovered it until it was high in the heavens. Now the clouds were already approaching the noonday sun. Kirkby was alive to the situation at once. He had the rare ability of men of action of awakening with all his faculties at instant command. He did not have to rub his eyes and wonder where he was, and speculate as to what was to be done. The moment that his eyes, following Pete's outstretched arm, discovered the black mass of clouds he ran toward Mrs. Maitland and standing on no ceremony he shook her vigorously by the shoulder.

"We'll have to run for our lives, ma'am," he said briefly. "Pete, drive the stock up on the hills, fur as you kin, the hosses pertikler, they'll be more to us an' them burros must take keer of themselves."

Pete needed no urging. He was off like a shot in the direction of the improvised corral. He loosed the horses from their pickets and started them up the steep trail that led down from the hogback to the camp by the water's edge. He also tried to start the burros he had just rounded up in the same direction. Some of them would go and some of them would not. He had his hands full in an instant. Meanwhile Kirkby did not linger by the side of Mrs. Maitland. With incredible agility for so old a man he ran over to the tent where the stores were kept and began picking out such articles of provision as he could easiest carry.

"Come over here, Mrs. Maitland," he cried. "We'll have to carry up on the hill somethin' to keep us from starvin' till we get back to town. We hadn't orter camped in this yere pocket noways, but who'd ever expected anything like this now?"

"What do you fear?" asked the woman, joining him as she spoke and waiting for his directions.

"Looks to me like a cloudburst," was the answer. "Creek's pretty full now, an' if she does break everything below yere 'll go to hell on a run."

It was evidence of his perturbation and anxiety that he used such language, which, however, in the emergency did not seem unwarranted even to the refined ear of Mrs. Maitland.

"Is it possible?" she exclaimed.

"'Taint only possible, it's sartin. Now, ma'am," he hastily bundled up a lot of miscellaneous provisions in a small piece of canvass, tied it up and handed it to her. "That'll be for you." Immediately after he made up a much larger bundle in another tent fly, adding, "An' this is mine."

"Oh, let us hurry," cried Mrs. Maitland, as a peal of thunder, low, muttered, menacing, burst forth from the flying clouds, now obscuring the sun, and rolled over the camp.

"We've got time enough yit," answered Kirkby, coolly calculating their chances. "Best git yer slicker on, you'll need it in a few minutes."

Mrs. Maitland ran to her own tent and soon came out with sou'wester and yellow oilskins completely covering her. Kirkby meantime had donned his own old battered, soiled rain clothes and had grabbed up Pete's.

"I brought the children's coats along," said Mrs. Maitland, extending three others.

"Good," said Kirkby. "Now we'll take our packs an'——"

"Do you think there is any danger to Robert?"

"He'll git nothin' worse 'n a wettin'," returned the old man confidently. "If we'd pitched the tents up on the hog back, that's all we'd a been in for."

"I have to leave the tents and all the things," said Mrs. Maitland.

"You can stay with them," answered Kirkby, dryly, "but if what I think 's goin' to happen comes off, you won't have no need of nothin' no more—Great God, here she comes."

As he spoke there was a sudden, swift downpour of rain, not in drops, but in a torrent. Catching up his own pack and motioning the woman to do likewise with her load, Kirkby caught her by the hand, and half led, half dragged her up the steep trail from the brook to the ridge which bordered the side of the canon. The canon was much wider here than further up and there was much more room and much more space for the water to spread. Yet, they had to hurry for their lives as it was. They had gone up scarcely a hundred feet when the disgorgement of the heavens took place. The water fell with such force, directness and continuousness that it almost beat them down. It ran over the trail down the side of the mountain in sheets like water falls. It required all the old man's skill and address to keep himself and companion from losing their footing and falling down into the seething tumult below.

The tents went down in an instant. Where there had been a pleasant bit of meadow land was now a muddy, tossing lake of black water. Some of the horses and most of the burros which Pete had been unable to do anything with were engulfed in a moment. The two on the mountain side could see them swimming for dear life as they swept down the canon. Pete himself, with a few of the animals, was already scrambling up to safety.

Speech was impossible between the noise of the falling rain and the incessant peals of thunder, but by persistent gesture, old Kirkby urged the terrified, trembling woman up the trail until they finally reached the top of the hog back, where under the poor shelter of the stunted pines they joined Pete with such of the horses as he had been able to drive up. Kirkby, taking a thought for the morrow, noted that there were four of them, enough to pull the wagon if they could get back to it.

After the first awful deluge of the cloudburst it moderated slightly, but the hard rain came down steadily, the wind rose as well, and in spite of their oilskins they were soon wet and cold. It was impossible to make a fire, there was no place for them to go, nothing to be done. They could only remain where they were and wait. After a half hour of exposure to the merciless fury of the storm, a thought came suddenly to Mrs. Maitland. She leaned over and caught the frontiersman by his wet sleeve. Seeing that she wished to speak to him, he bent his head toward her lips.

"Enid," she cried, pointing down the canon. She had not thought before of the position of the girl.

Kirkby, who had not forgotten her, but who had instantly realized that he could do nothing for her, shook his head, lifted his eyes and solemnly pointed his finger up to the gray skies. He had said nothing to Mrs. Maitland before. What was the use of troubling her.

"God only kin help her," he cried. "She's beyond the help of man."

Ah, indeed, old trapper, whence came the confident assurance of that dogmatic statement? For as it chanced, at that very moment the woman for whose peril your heart was wrung was being lifted out of the torrent by a man's hand! And, yet, who shall say that the old hunter was not right, and that the man himself, as men of old have been, was sent from God?

"It can't be," began Mrs. Maitland in great anguish for the girl she had grown to love.

"Ef she seed the storm an' realized what it was, an' had sense enough to climb up the canon wall," answered the other, "she won't be no worse off'n we are; ef not——"

Mrs. Maitland had only to look down into the seething cauldron to understand the possibility of that "if."

"Oh," she cried, "let us pray for her that she sought the hills."

"I've been a doin' it," said the old man gruffly.

He had a deep vein of piety in him, but, like other rich ores, it had to be mined for in the depths before it was apparent.

By slow degrees the water subsided, and after a long while the rain ceased, a heavy mist lay on the mountains and the night approached without any further appearance of the veiled sun. Toward evening Robert

"Great God!" He Cried. "Where Is Enid?"

Maitland, with the three men and the three children, joined the wretched trio above the camp. Maitland, wild with excitement and apprehension, had pressed on ahead of the rest. It was a glad-faced man indeed who ran the last few steps of the rough way and clasped his wife in his arms, but as he did so he noticed that one was missing.

"Great God," he cried, releasing his wife, "where is Enid?"

"She went down the canon early this mornin' intendin' to stay all day," slowly and reluctantly answered old Kirkby, "an'——"

He paused there. It wasn't necessary for him to say anything more.

Maitland walked to the edge of the trail and looked down into the valley. It had been swept clean of the camp. Rocks had been rolled over upon the meadow land, trunks of trees torn up by the roots had lodged against them. It was a scene of desolate and miserable confusion and disaster.

"Oh, Robert, don't you think she may be safe?" asked Mrs. Maitland.

"There's just a chance, I think, that she may have suspicioned the storm an' got out of the canon," suggested the old frontiersman.

"A slim chance," answered Maitland gloomily. "God, I wouldn't have had this happen for anything on earth."

"Nor me. I'd a heap ruther it had got me than her," said Kirkby simply.

"I didn't see it coming," continued Maitland, nodding as if Kirkby's statement were to be accepted as a matter of course, as indeed it was. "We were on the other slope of the mountain until it was almost overhead."

"Nuther did I. To tell the truth I was lyin' down nappin' w'en Pete, yere, who'd been down the canon rounding up some of the critters, came bustin' in on us."

"I ain't saved but four hosses," said Pete mournfully, "and there's only one burro on the hog back."

"We came back as fast as we could," said Maitland. "I pushed on ahead, George, Bradshaw and Phillips are bringing Bob and the girls. We must search the canon."

"It can't be done tonight, old man," said Kirkby.

"I tell you we can't wait, Jack!"

"We've got to, I'm as willin' to lay down my life for that young gal as anybody on earth, but in this yere mist an' as black a night as it's goin' to be, we couldn't go ten rod without killin' ourselves an' we couldn't see nothin' noways."

"But she may be in the canon."

"If she's in the canon 'twon't make no difference to her w'ether we finds her tomorrer or next day or next year, Bob."

Maitland groaned in anguish.

"I can't stay here inactive," he persisted stubbornly.

"It's a hard thing, but we got to wait till mornin'. Ef she got out of the canon and climbed up on the hog back she'll be all right, she'll soon find out she can't make no progress in this mist and darkness. No, old friend, we're up agin it hard. We jest got to stay the night w'ere we are an' as long as we got to wait we might as well make ourselves as comfortable as possible. For the wimmen an' children, anyway. I fetched up some ham and some canned goods and other eatin's in these yere canvas sacks. We might kindle a fire——"

"It's hardly possible," said Maitland. "We shall have to eat it cold."

"Oh, Robert," pleaded his wife, "isn't it possible that she may have escaped?"

"Possible, yes, but——"

"We won't give up hope, ma'am," said Kirkby, "until tomorrer w'en we 've had a look at the canon."

By this time the others joined the party. Phillips and Bradshaw showed the stuff that was in them. They immediately volunteered to go down the canon at once, knowing little or nothing of its dangers and indifferent to what they did know, but as Kirkby had pointed out, the attempt was clearly impossible. Maitland bitterly reproached himself for having allowed the girl to go alone, and in those self-reproaches old Kirkby joined.

They were too wet and cold to sleep. There was no shelter and it was not until early in the morning they succeeded in kindling a fire. Meanwhile the men talked the situation over very carefully. They were two days' journey from the wagons. It was necessary that the women and children should be taken back at once. Kirkby hadn't been able to save much more than enough to eat to get them back to a ranch or settlement, and on very short rations at best. It was finally decided that George and Pete and Mrs. Maitland, the two girls and the youngster, should go back to the wagon, drive to the nearest settlement, leave the women and then return on horseback with all speed to meet Maitland and Kirkby, who would meanwhile search the canon.

The two men from the east had to go back with the others, although they pleaded gallantly to be allowed to remain with the two who were to take up the hunt for Enid. Maitland might have kept them with him, but that meant retaining a larger portion of the scanty supplies that had been saved and he was compelled against his will to refuse their requests. Leaving barely enough to subsist Maitland and Kirkby for three or four days, or until the return of the relief party, the groups separated at daybreak.

"Oh, Robert," pleaded his wife, "take care of yourself, but find Enid."

"Yes," answered her husband, "I shall, never fear, but I must find the dear girl or discover what has become of her."

There was not time for further leave taking. A few handclasps from man to man and then Robert Maitland, standing in the midst of the group, bowed his head in the sunny morning, for the sky again was clear, and poured out a brief prayer that God would prosper them, that they would find the child and that they would all be together again in health and happiness. And without another word, he and Kirkby plunged down to the side of the canon, the others taking up their weary march homeward with sad hearts and in great dismay.

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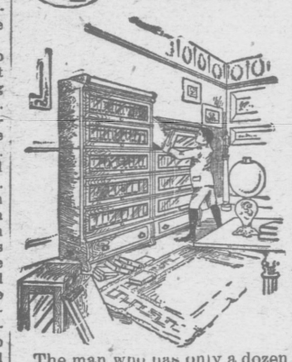

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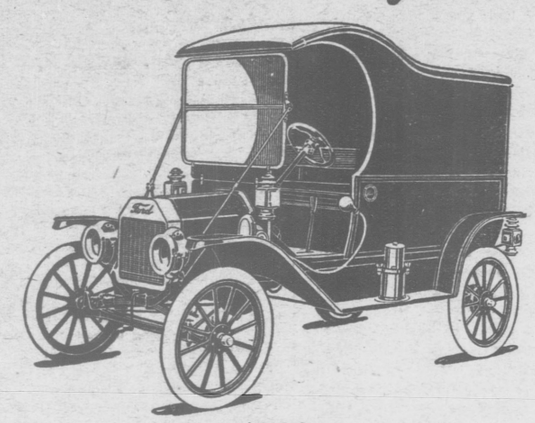

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